

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art taken alone or in combination neither discloses nor makes obvious the instant invention including blocking end portions of a first laser beam emitted from a laser oscillator by a slit to produce a second laser beam, or of a third laser beam of a combined first and second laser beams by a slit to produce a fourth laser beam, producing the second laser beam into a third laser beam or the fourth laser beam into a fifth laser beam by using a condensing lens, irradiating the semiconductor film with the third laser beam and the fifth laser beam, and moving the third and fifth laser beams relative to the semiconductor film, wherein an image at the slit and an image on the semiconductor film are in a conjugated relation by the condensing lens, as recited in the claims of the instant application. Therefore, the prior art of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the claimed subject matter.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joannie García, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1861. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, N. Drew Richards, can be reached on (571) 272-1736. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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